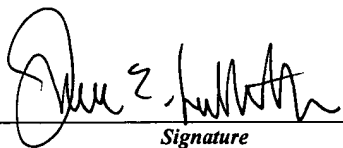


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In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006,  
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